

JUN 13 2008

Smith Law Office  
Intellectual Property Law

**FAX TRANSMITTAL**

<b>To:</b>	Examiner Joseph D. Papc	<b>From:</b>	Jeffry W. Smith
<b>Company:</b>	UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE—Group Art Unit 3612	<b>Pages:</b>	4
<b>Fax:</b>	571-273-8300	<b>Date:</b>	Friday, June 13, 2008
<b>Re:</b>	Application No. 10/582,371		

**Comments:**

University Research Park, 440 Science Drive, Suite 302, Madison, Wisconsin 53711  
Phone: 608-663-8200 Facsimile: 608-663-8207

JUN 13 2008

PTO/SB/21 (01-08)

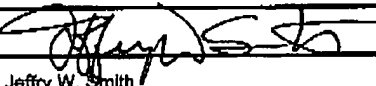
Approved for use through 06/30/2008. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/582,371
	Filing Date	February 27, 2007
	First Named Inventor	Herbert Wehler
	Art Unit	3612
	Examiner Name	J. Pape
Total Number of Pages In This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	10016.527

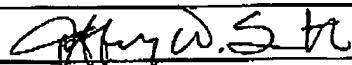
ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Statement of the Substance of the Interview (2pp)
Remarks		

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	SMITH LAW OFFICE		
Signature			
Printed name	Jeffrey W. Smith		
Date	June 13, 2008	Reg. No.	33455

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Jeffrey W. Smith	Date	June 13, 2008

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

JUN 13 2008

PATENT APPLICATION

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Applicant: Wehler et al.

Docket No.: 10016.527

Date: June 13, 2008

Application No.: 10/582,371

Filed: February 27, 2007

Art Unit: 3612

Examiner: J. Pape

For: SLIDING DOOR SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE, IN PARTICULAR A MOTOR  
VEHICLE**Certificate of Facsimile**I hereby certify that this  
correspondence is being sent via  
facsimile to:Examiner Joseph D. Pape  
United States Patent &  
Trademark Office  
Group Art Unit 3612  
Fax No: 571-273-8300On June 13, 2008Signature Jeffrey W. SmithJeffrey W. Smith, Reg. No. 33455  
Name of Applicant, assignee or  
Registered Representative**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**Attn: Joseph D. Pape  
United States Patent & Trademark Office  
Group Art Unit: 3612

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a May 23, 2008 Interview Summary in the above-captioned application, and a Supplemental Notice of Allowability that was mailed therewith.

Examiner Pape's summary of the telephone interview is substantially accurate. The Supplemental Notice of Allowability was being requested because the original date for paying the issue fee (April 23, 2008) was approaching, and the PTO-892 form had not yet been received.

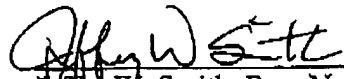
Unfortunately, the necessary supplemental notice and PTO-892 form were not received in time, and Applicants filed a request for continued examination ("RCE") on April 17, 2008. Therefore, the Supplemental Notice of Allowability appears to be premature because the

Applicant: Wehler et al.  
Application No.: 10/582,371

examiner has not acknowledged the RCE or the Information Disclosure Statement filed therewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the April 17, 2008 RCE and Information Disclosure Statement be made of record, that the information disclosed be considered, and that a new PTO-892 and Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey W. Smith, Reg. No. 33455  
Attorney for Applicant  
SMITH LAW OFFICE  
440 Science Drive, Suite 302  
Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 663-8200